

# TRAVEL MATTERS

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## Who in the World is MATT?

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In a world of acronyms, MATT simply stands for Morgan Adventure Travel & Tours - of course!

However, there is nothing simple about what we do.

### *TRAVEL MATTERS!*

It allows us to venture beyond borders, to experience vibrant communities other than our own. When we travel, we not only embrace other cultures, but we provide an exchange opportunity for other cultures to embrace us. And when we learn, we grow. And the world grows with us.

Is there anything so humbling as to break bread with another culture in another world and know that you are welcome at that table?

Morgan Adventure Travel & Tours prides itself in its attention to detail and the desire to embrace all while sharing in the eco-consciousness of the places we travel to, exploring and learning other cultures as we go.

The impact made by people of color around the world is tremendous and often times the story is untold, until we get there and ask the

question. So our mission and emphasis will always be to seek in that direction.

Be it hard or soft-core adventure, cultural, exotic and/or dream travel, one thing is certain --- your next adventure with MATT will be one to remember!

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*Rare photo op: Morgan with Maasai tribesmen, near Olduvai Gorge, Tanzania*

## WONDERS DOWN UNDER! AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

Exotic locale. Dream destination. Bucket list travel. Always wanted to go?

The Commonwealth of Australia, with its capital of Canberra, is home to over 22 million people, 90% of them

concentrated along the eastern coast of the continent. And we are on our way to explore the wonders down under!

Melbourne, Sydney, Cairns and the Great Barrier Reef are just a

few of the highlights of this trip. 9 nights in Australia, then onward to Queenstown, Rotorua, and Auckland on New Zealand. Ready to throw a few shrimp on the barbe? Come see how they do it down under!  
*October 2-19, 2014.*



## What's Your Next Adventure?

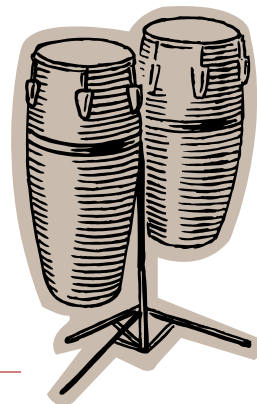
Here's what on tap with Morgan Adventure Travel & Tours!

### UNIQUE & CULTURAL

**Juke Joint Festival** – They say “the smaller the club, the better the par-tay”...If you truly believe that then ‘ain’t no party like a juke joint party’. Join us for this annual event sandwiched between some good ole home grown blues. Follow the blues trail at its heart & soul, and discover the real roots of country western, rock & roll and every other genre beyond. *April 10-13, 2014.*

**African Drum Circle** – Drums have a way of sending a beat deep down into your soul. They are not just played in Africa, but weekly on the streets of Harlem, and the Afro-centric sidewalk shop in Sunnyvale, to name but a few. What better way to feel the rhythm that beats deep inside each of us than to here it played out on drums on the white sand beaches of Negril, Jamaica?

Experience the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual drum circle and let the beat touch your soul. MLK weekend, Negril Jamaica. *January 17-20, 2014.*



## ROAD TRIPS

Some of my most memorable trips from childhood were road trips.

Growing up on the East Coast where many state borders could be crossed and visited in a single weekend, all we needed was a car!

Friday-night and bored? Can you say road trip!? We would jump in the car and drive to the city that never sleeps to party in New York and think nothing of it.

Road trips allow you to bond and create memories not typically had when traveling by air.

The Live Love Laugh Series of grown-up road trips is planned with your renewal in mind.

**“Road trips are infinitely better when someone else is doing the driving!”**

**#canyousaylimousine**

Initially focusing on sunny California because that's where we're based, each month we'll feature a road trip destination. Need a little R&R of the old school kind, check your calendar, and then send an email saying “I need a road trip!” And we'll make it happen.

The Live Love Laugh road trip destination for this month is Monterey, California.

## Beach Bum? *Punta Cana?* No Problem!

Join the NBS Western Region November 11-14 for a 4-night getaway to the Dominican Republic.

Your package includes 4 nights lodging at the all-inclusive Barceló Bavaro resort in Punta Cana. Eat, drink and play to your heart's content at this all-inclusive beachfront resort.

Evening entertainment and non-motorized water sports are also included in the price.

A scavenger hunt with a twist; a “same ole two-step” dance competition, and nearly-naked pool party are just a few of the activities planned.

**“All you can eat and drink completes the party at this all-inclusive beach front resort!”**

If beach bumming is your pleasure, do nothing at all....just enjoy the white sands and ocean blue. Land packages only for this Winter Solstice. Full packages sold out.



## Platinum Bliss Getaways – For ladies only!

Ahhh...Spa! That is the central core of the Platinum Bliss Getaway. Bliss because it a time to relax & renew. Platinum because only the best will do!

As women, multi-tasking comes natural to us. We go and go until the wheels fall off, and still we go.

The scary thing we fail to realize in our "going" is that heart attacks are the leading cause of death in women at far too young an age. We should make it a point to slow down every once in awhile, and nurture our hearts.

That's where the "Ahhh...Spa" comes in. Ladies, is it way past

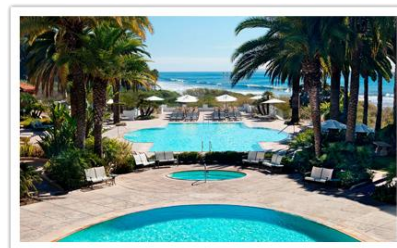
time you exhaled? Then plan now to afford yourself an opportunity to Relax and Renew You!

With our busy schedules, you know if we don't stop and plan it, it won't happen. Two days may be all you need to recharge and renew. A Platinum Bliss, 2-night lodging and/or spa package does not come cheap...but you and your health are worth every penny!

The boutique properties that I have scouted and recommend offer some of the most blissful getaways in California. Have a bliss retreat in your city you want to share? Please email us.

If you appreciate luxury and opulence, and maybe just a few amenities designed to nurture your soul... This month's bliss spotlight is on the Bacara Resort & Spa, Santa Barbara, CA.

<http://www.bacaresort.com/Santa-Barbara-Luxury-Hotels/Beach-Resorts>



## Nicaragua! Ripe for Adventure!

Find me a sexy strip of sand and a fabulous all-inclusive resort and I'm there!

Once again, Barceló Resorts has the dubious distinction of being the only all-inclusive luxury resort on the beach front in Nicaragua.

The Barceló Montelimar is located in an exclusive enclave in Nicaragua, amidst lush tropical flora and natural surroundings.

All bungalows are spacious, fully equipped and have magnificent views!

In addition to the hotel's excellent cuisine, the resort features 3 pools – one of them the largest in Latin America – a fitness center, hot tub, riding school, sports court & night club. Cap that with adrenaline-



laced island excursions and your next adventure is set!

This unspoiled jewel of a destination is currently under the radar so prices are very affordable.

Great prices. All you can eat and drink. Evening entertainment, non-motorized water sports, beach front resort.

We're headed to Nicaragua for Memorial Day 2014. How about you? *May 22-26, 2014*

## Exotic & Cultural: Arctic Expedition

If your bucket list includes setting your foot upon every continent & distant places of this world, then this expedition to the Arctic Circle may be just the trip for you.

Highlights include arctic wildlife such as polar bears, reindeer, walrus and whales; hiking, snowshoeing, & continuous daylight!

Follow in the footsteps of Matthew Henson -- but on your own terms!

This Arctic Expedition Cruise will allow you to walk in the footsteps of the African American explorer who was among the first team ever to reach the North Pole in 1909.

Space is extremely limited but is open to first come first served adventure seekers!

This trip is being hosted by New Horizon Tours.

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*What's On Your Bucket List?*



**Morgan Adventure Travel & Tours (MATT)** evolved from an innate love of travel, and a desire to share that love -- and a few exotic destinations -- with 100 or so of my closest friends. My friends called me crazy, but I love what I do. And I do it well.

Group travel is my forte and through that avenue, guests have followed me deep into the heart of Mexico, snaked down the central coasts of Latin America, zip-lined through rain forests in Costa Rica, journeyed across the isthmus of Panama, and zigzagged over to explore a large portion of Brazil—but the journey of a lifetime was the ultimate eye-opening sojourn to the continent of Africa! *What an experience!*

From there, MATT was officially born. Destined to provide avenues and adventures, to places known and unknown, with a passion and camaraderie experienced only by those who travel with a common purpose.

I am a firm believer that if God had wanted us to stay in one place –He would have given us roots! .

The world awaits. What are you waiting for? *Twende!*

For more information or to book your next adventure contact MATT at 626.255.7544 or email us at [mattraveltours@yahoo.com](mailto:mattraveltours@yahoo.com).

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## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

### **NOVEMBER 2013**

Punta Cana, Dominican Republic

### **DECEMBER 2013**

SKI Powder! New Year Eve, Utah

### **JANUARY 2014**

African Drum Circle, Negril, Jamaica

### **FEBRUARY 2014**

Platinum Ladies Weekend, Pismo, CA

### **APRIL 2014**

Juke Joint Festival, Clarksdale, MS

### **MAY 2014**

Beach Bliss! All Inclusive! Nicaragua

### **JUNE 2014**

Arctic Cruise, North Pole

Jazz @ The Bowl, Hollywood

### **OCTOBER 2014**

Australia & New Zealand



### **COMING...**

**GHANA!**

**SOJOURN TO SERENGETI II**

**GREEK ISLES**

**TUSCANY, ITALY**